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THE stocking-joke season is over. The swearing-off jokes are yet to be endured.

BEGOLE seems, by his conversation with Mr. Innes, to be surprised that he has so many applications for pardons. He has certainly done everything possible to encourage applicants. It is not to be wondered at that he is "tired."

REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES B. LORE, of Wilmington, the one member of the House from Delaware, is said to be the coming United States Senator from his State in case an appointment should be necessary to fill a vacancy, caused by the selection of Senator Bayard for a Cabinet position. Mr. Lore bears the reputation of an honest man with independent views. When the McKinley-Wallace contested election case was up during the last session he made a speech in support of Me-Kinley.

THE decadence of the State of Nevada, is attracting attention. That State cast 16,420 votes for its first Presidential electors, and at the recent election only 12,-727 were cast. The Territorial Enterprise says that "Nevada is in a state of collapse," and that "only some lucky chance can rescue it from the catastrophe which now seems inevitable." As there is no law for the reduction of a State to the territorial ranks, it would appear that the only way out, if the present decline continues, will be to annex a neighboring territory or State to swell | nothing at all. the population.

Suppose the President makes a contract with a foreign power-called a treaty -which is concurred in by a two-thirds vote in the Senate, and suppose that the United States; suppose again that the United States enters into a contract with a man for service as a seaman and the seaman performs the service according to the contract, and thus becomes a creditor of the Government, and, finally, suppose no appropriation is made by Congress to meet the credit in either case, does that of the one more than that of the other constitute what Secretary Chandler calls "a lawful debt of the Government?"

PRESIDENT ARTHUR may have been studying history. If he has observed the fate of that other New York fisherman chosen to the Vice-Presidency for the last term preceding his own, it is but natural that he should be looking after a Senatorship, or some other means of saving himself from oblivion. It is doubtful whether, to-day, one-half the voters in this country could tell positively whether William A. Wheeler is living or dead. And yet Wheeler was not elevated to the Vice-Presidency by an accident. He worked his way gradually to the position of chairman of the Ways and Means committee in Congress and a leading place on the floor of the House before his promotion to the higher place from which so many have dropped into obscurity.

THE degree of disgust which the Detroit Free Press feels toward Pardoner Begole is indicated when that journal goes to the extent of making such comment on its own party's Governor as appeared in a leading editorial yesterday on "The Governor and the Van Wagener Case." The following extract will illus-

Governor Begole's excuse for the pardon of the murderer. Van Wagener, in no way make his performance a sensible or rational act. It seems that in the prison the Governor was attracted to him by his quiet demeanor and general good behavior, and became much interested in him. Perhaps he was surprised that a cold-blooded, calculations of the control was surprised that a cold-blooded, calculating, crafty murderer could so far restrain himself in the presence of the Governor as not to direct his Excellency's attention to some distant object and then stick a sharp weapon into him as he did into his victim. Having allowed the Governor to escape assassination as often as he visited the prison. that functionary evidently would not believe Van Wagener's own account of his diabolical attempt to murder his friend and partner for the sake of the money on his person. Had the convict knocked the Governor down and shot him with three or four bullets he would have gone away convinced that his he would have gone away convinced that his sentence was just and that he ought for the rest of his life to be secured as a dangerous

### CLEVELAND'S PROMISES.

It is always better to be hopeful than to be apprehensive. Hope makes life happy, but fear makes it a burden. Half the evils of "hard times" are produced by needless anxiety. "Sufficient for the day is the evil thereof," deserves to be realized more than it is. We believe it of the distinguishing features of "THE WEEKING TIMES," and it is now initated in that feature by TIMES," and it is now initated in that feature by sest to make the most of all favorable in dications concerning the coming administration of Cleveland. One of those favorable indications is the expression of his civil service policy in the letter published in THE TELEGRAM of yesterday Pendleton himself could not have expressed a stronger determination to suhere the law as it stands. He says be considers himself pledged to a "fair and honest enforcement of the law," " in good

taith and without evasion." This will be discouraging to those very thirsty and very hungry Democrats who have been famishing these many years, but it will be as encouraging to those who desire efficient and honest public service.

A. K. McClure, of the Philadelphia Times, seems to have been most favorably impressed by Governor Cleveland at his interview with him the other day. In reterring to Cleveland's care for business interests, Mr. McClure says: "The one subject on which there is the most public concern touching Cleveland's coming administration is the one that he discusses with equal freedom and emphasis. I refer to the great business interests of the whole country. He is a natural business Executive. He loves business fidelity, he believes in business methods and he will faithfully fulfil his publicly repeated pledge to conduct the administration of the Government on thorough business principles. He does not merely look to business administration as the limit of his duty in enforcing honest government. He carries his business statesmanship to the extent of business legislation to promote healthy and enduring business prosperity." This is at least another hopeful indication. That the coming administration will be mostly, if not entirely Democratic; there need be no doubt, but if Cleveland shall abide by the convictions he has expressed, and gather about him as his assistants only the best men in his party, his administration may be honest and able, and command the confidence of the people. At any rate it is better to give the future the benefit of all the encouragement it presents.

### CURRENT COMMENT.

Syracuse Standard: It is time to make the Monroe doctrine a fact and a

Philadelphia Times: Spain is ready to give us some more things we don't want if the Senate will only ratify the treaty.

Chicago Inter Ocean: Cleveland's Christmas letter to George William Curtis was not a comforting thing to put into any old-fashioned Democrat's stocking. A. K. McClure: I known as much about the new Cabinet as any outside the

the few who are in the closest confidence with the new President, and that is just Buffalo Telegraph: The pastor of Plymouth will probably be given some place at home, where he can continue to fill the office he held during the campaign

that of Minister Extraordinary to you see our goods and prices. Grover Cleveland. vote in the Senate, and suppose that the foreign party to the contract becomes, in to intervene for the regulation of railroad complying with its terms, a creditor of the companies under the clause of the Constitution empowering that body to regu-

late commerce among the States, the Reagan bill is a fair and moderate measure for the purpose. Boston Transcript: The truth is that Randall is inserting the wedge that is to split not only the Democratic party, but also the solid South. But it must at the same time leave the Republican party floundering in the bog of uncertainty, for what becomes of the Republican party without a "solid South?"

Detroit Times: The trouble with Gen. Logan is too much fightee-fightee. He is never happy unless he is in a row. And some time he will be thrown in the ditch.
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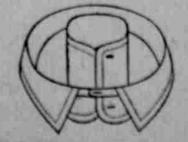
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